

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

- (currently amended) An optical pickup device comprising:
 a source of light;
- a lens arranged on an optical path extending from said source of light to a magneto-optical recording medium;
- a beam splitter arranged on an optical path extending from said source of light to said lens, to separate a portion of light reflected by said magneto-optical recording medium;
- a photodetector detecting said reflected light separated by said beam splitter; and
- a first diffraction element <u>for servo signal generation</u> arranged on an optical path extending from said beam splitter to said photodetector, wherein:

said beam splitter includes a first member made of isotropic optical material, reflecting light received from said source of light and directing the light to arrive at said magneto-optical recording medium, and passing a reflection of light received from said magneto-optical recording medium, and a second member adjacent to said first member, made of anisotropic optical material and further passing light reflected from said magneto-optical recording medium past-through said first member;

said first diffraction element receives said light reflected from said magneto-optical recording medium pastpassing through said first member and said second member;

said first member is a prism having a parallelogramic cross section and having first parallel planes opposite each other and second parallel planes opposite each other and each traversing said first parallel planes at a